

## COMMISSION APPEALS TO NEWS PRINT MEN

Federal Trade Body Pleads for Small Publishers.

Fearing that the present shortage of news print paper and the high prices now being charged will soon force many of the smaller daily and weekly papers to suspend publication, the Federal Trade Commission has appealed to the News Print Manufacturers' Association in a circular letter, asking the manufacturers to come to the rescue of the smaller papers by supplying them with news print paper at a reasonable rate.

The manufacturers are asked if they cannot operate their mills on each alternate Sunday or temporarily curtail some other grade of paper and thus concentrate the output of news print paper. The present price is from 4 to 8 cents, as against 3 to 5 cents the first of the year.

The Commission's letter follows: "While the Commission's print paper investigation is not yet completed, the information already collected shows that a large number of the smaller daily and weekly newspapers are paying from 4 to 8 cents a pound for their news print paper in comparison with a price of from 3 to 5 cents at the beginning of the year. These papers either do not buy on contract or when their contracts have expired have been unable to renew them. Reports of the increasing shortage of paper have made these publishers fearful lest they be forced to suspend publication because of the failure of their paper supply or the prohibitive price which they may be compelled to pay. As is readily appreciated, they cannot shift the increasing burden of paper cost to their advertisers or their subscribers as readily as the larger city dailies.

Perform Useful Service. "These smaller papers perform a most useful service in their respective localities and it would be a national calamity if they were forced to suspend. It would also be a serious blow to the news-print industry, for these papers are the only ones in the aggregate that they amount to a considerable proportion of the total consumption.

"If conditions in the industry are to become as serious this fall as trade reports indicate, it occurs to the commission that the news-print manufacturers as an association might adopt such measures as would prevent the possible suspension of these unprotected newspapers. In order to stimulate discussion of such remedial measures, therefore, the commission takes the liberty of propounding the following inquiries:

What steps has your association taken or can it take to insure newspaper publishers protection by contracts that they will be supplied with paper at a reasonable price?

What steps has your association taken or can it take to restrain by legitimate means any of its members from charging unreasonable and prohibitive prices, especially for current or market sales?

What steps has your association taken or can it take to bring about the operation of your mills each alternate Sunday or for an extra shift every Sunday, or to transfer machines to news-print paper that are now operating on other grades until the output of paper is sufficient to prevent the possible suspension of any of the newspapers unprotected by contracts?

"In regard to the first inquiry, would it not be possible for your association to make a public announcement that every newspaper publisher will be taken care of and if necessary create a protective committee whose duty it shall be to see that all publishers regardless of contract shall be kept supplied with a fair share of the paper manufactured? Such action on your part would do much to allay the panic conditions now existing.

Co-operative Action Urged.

"In regard to the second inquiry, would it not be advisable for the executive committee of your association to confer with every manufacturer and every important lobbyist selling news print with the view of obtaining co-operative action to prevent the charging of unreasonable and prohibitive prices and to restore confidence among the publishers?

"In regard to the third inquiry, could not negotiations be immediately taken up with the officials of the unions to obtain their consent to work each alternate Sunday or for one extra shift each Sunday for the next two or three months, or would not the temporary curtailment of some other grades of paper in order to increase the output of news print result in less hardship than to allow the shortage of the latter to continue? The additional output of paper obtainable by adopting either or both of these plans would be sufficient to keep a large number of the smaller papers supplied.

"Reports indicate that the newspaper publishers are making serious efforts to cut down waste and curtail consumption and it is the purpose of this inquiry to ascertain whether the news-print manufacturers cannot do more than they have already done to increase the supply and insure the equitable distribution of news-print paper. This is a situation, if it is as serious as reported, that calls for patriotic action by all parties concerned. Will you therefore give these suggestions your immediate and serious consideration and let the commission have the reply of your association at the earliest possible moment?"

## COAL FAMINE FEARED IF RAILROAD MEN QUIT

Washington faces a coal famine if the threatened railroad strike is not averted. That little relief can be expected from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, is the opinion expressed by an official of the Consolidated Coal Company. This company controls the coal product of the Cumberland district.

Much coal is transported to Washington by way of the canal, but the amount is very small in proportion to that hauled here by the railroads. A railroad strike it is said, would tie up the canal as all coal must be hauled by rail from the mines to the canal.

"We have tried to lay in a surplus," the official said, "but at present we have not enough coal in our dumps to last over three days."

## PRESIDENT HAS POWER TO OPERATE TRAINS

United States mail will be carried on any trains that move after next Monday if the threatened strike goes into effect. Postmaster General Burleson made the above announcement yesterday following a conference with President Wilson and Chairman Adamson, of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

There is an old law enacted in 1862 which gives the President power to operate railroad trains in cases of emergency. It was learned that if the employees offer to run trains to carry the mails the railroads will be forced to furnish the equipment.

Mail Censorship Irritates. Shanghai, Aug. 31.—Business men here are greatly irritated by the British censorship of 147 bags of American mail, which arrived in Shanghai from Vancouver August 27 on the steamer Empress of Russia. Even the official mail of the American consulate was censored.

## STRIKE MAY HIT COMMUTERS.

Virginians Would Suffer Should Railroads Stop.

Thousands of commuters who live at points in Virginia and Maryland would suffer by the calling of a railroad strike. More than twenty trains arrive at Union Station every morning and depart in the evening at convenient time for those who work here.

Should the strike order go into effect, the people would be required to take up temporary residence here or rely on transportation substitutes. Jitney bus routes in all probability would be established between many towns near here. These now rely on the steam roads to bring their population to and from the Capital.

## MERCHANTS WILL PUSH FAKE "AD" CAMPAIGN

"Prosecutions to Continue Indefinitely and Vigorously," Says La Vigne.

The campaign against dishonest advertising which is being prosecuted by the vigilance committee of the Retail Merchants' Association, assisted by C. E. La Vigne, field representative of the American Fair Trade League of New York, will be continued "indefinitely and vigorously," according to Mr. La Vigne. Yesterday morning Mr. La Vigne, accompanied by R. P. Andrews, president of the Retail Merchants' Association, Charles Columbus, secretary of the same organization; Dr. Lyman F. Keble and others, went to some stores to make purchases of "bargains."

Their experiences were, to quote Mr. La Vigne, illuminating to those who take seriously the wonderful price reductions advertised in many places in Washington.

"In one store on Fourteenth street, between G and New York avenues," said Mr. La Vigne, "the following signs were displayed in the window: \$2.50 silk and linen shirts, \$1.25; \$5 and 6 shirts, \$3.25 and \$3.50, and \$4 silk and linen shirts for \$2.45; \$2 silk pongee pajamas, \$1.25, and \$5 all-silk shirts at \$2.50.

"Attempts were made to buy all of these articles, but were all unsuccessful, until finally the salesman offered to sell a silk shirt, but when pinned down specifically to the advertised price, was forced to admit that the shirt was imperfect merchandise.

"Two weeks ago the same place was visited and an attempt made to buy a silk shirt. When told that they had none, the salesman was asked why the sign was left in the window. He replied that they had no more cardboard, and that the signs were the window trimmers' business, anyhow.

## CARRANZA TROOPS CAMP NEAR PERSHING'S ARMY

(By the International News Service.) Headquarters American Punitive Expedition (by radio to Columbus, N. Mex.), Aug. 31.—Three hundred Carranza troops, under command of Col. Rios Cortinas, of the State of Durango, yesterday moved into garrison at Casas Grandes, five miles from Gen. Pershing's headquarters, and proceeded to establish outpost camps at Janos Rames and other points in the vicinity.

Col. Francisco Saenz, the rural commander, is also in the district with his men.

Reports indicate that the Carranzistas are making an ostensible effort to drive the rough element from the towns in which they establish quarters.

## WIFE OF PARK POLICE OFFICER IMPROVES GREATLY WITH DRECO

Mrs. E. Carroll, of 1407 Ames Place, N. E., Washington, D. C., Tells of Convincing History.

When seen at her home recently Mrs. Carroll gave the following signed endorsement for Dreco, the Master Remedy:

"I had gastritis for years—could never enjoy a meal of anything I liked, for dread of the after-effects I knew would surely follow, and they always did. The sharpest sort of pains in the stomach, that doctors told me was gastritis, but they didn't seem able to relieve me even a little.

"I also had pains in the back and limbs, was constipated, didn't sleep properly at night, and got up as tired as when I retired. I was getting very nervous, too, and had a bad taste in my mouth all the time, with coated tongue, etc. Right about there I started to take Dreco merely as an experiment. It showed results at once—and the more I took of it the better I became, till now I'm almost cured, and am on my sixth bottle, but you can believe me, my case was mighty stubborn and of long standing.

"My husband, exposed to all sorts of weather as he is in work, suffered from rheumatism and he has gotten complete relief from Dreco and insists that I add this to the statement of my case. I am only too glad to mention what it has done for me, as I feel it is a duty I owe to other sufferers from similar troubles, to help them set back to health again!"

Dreco isn't a "cure-all," but really accomplishes wonderful results for those complaints for which it is intended. If you think it may help you—get a bottle today from the nearest O'Donnell Drug Store, or Burry's, in Anacostia, or Allen's in Alexandria.—Adv.

## Real Estate Loans

No Commissions Charged

You can take 12 years to pay off your loan without the expense of renewing. \$1,000 for \$10 per month, including interest and principal, half of which is applied to reduction of debt. Larger or smaller loans at proportional rates.

## PERPETUAL Building Association

Largest in Washington. Assets Over \$4,000,000.

Cor. Eleventh and E. N. W. JAMES BERRY, President. JOSHUA W. CARR, Secretary.

## LAWYER SAYS SCHOOLS SHOULD DEFER OPENING

Warns of Paralysis in Letter to Commissioners.

Health Officer Woodward, in discussing the regulations sent to the Commissioners concerning infantile paralysis in the District, stated that he wanted all persons interested in the matter to express their opinion to the Commissioners. Inasmuch as people of the District must live under the rules adopted by the Commissioners, and also owing to the fact that the action is merely "a fight in the dark," he thinks that the people in general should have a voice in formulating a set of rules which naturally will be severe. It is understood that many people will address the Commissioners and undoubtedly give some valuable points. Yesterday afternoon Joseph H. Blackwood, an attorney in the Kemps Building, stated that he had sent a letter to the Commissioners.

Mr. Blackwood said: "In view of the increasing number of cases of infantile paralysis now in the city and return of numerous children from other cities where the disease now exists, it would seem that it would not be wise to open the schools until cooler weather, possibly October 1, which is the time set for the opening of most of the principal private schools."

Composer Varese Injured.

New York, Aug. 31.—Edgar Varese, composer and former conductor of the Royal Symphony Orchestra of Berlin, was crushed in an automobile accident here late yesterday and is in a hospital in a serious condition with a broken leg and internal injuries. Nicolai Constantine, bass of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, who was with him, also was injured, but not so seriously.

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